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Collection of land cess due to local bodies.

*294 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for collecting the land-cess due to local bodies and providing them with a regular supply of funds?

A.—Land-cess is collected by Collectors of districts along with land revenue. Each district and taluk board is credited on the 15th of each month from provincial funds with one-twelfth of the collections of land-cess expected to be made on its behalf in the fasli year then current. After the close of the fasli, a final adjustment is made with reference to the actual collections in that fasli. The Government await a report from the Board of Revenue regarding certain account difficulties which have arisen in working the system described above.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Alleged visit of the hon. the Minister for Public Health to the maths in Tanjore district.

*295 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the hon. the Minister for Public Health took the Religious Endowments Commissioner or Commissioners to Tanjore with him;

(*b*) if so, on what official business;

(*c*) if not, on what private business;

(*d*) whether he took the Commissioner or the Commissioners to the maths in the Tanjore district with a view to persuade the maths to pay their dues to the Boards;

(*e*) if so, in what capacity he did that work; and

(*f*) whether he held out any hopes to the maths of preferential treatment if they paid their dues and if so, on whose authority?

A.—(*a*) The Religious Endowment Commissioner accompanied the Minister for Public Health to some places in the Tanjore district which he visited.

(*b*) & (*c*) In the discharge of his duties devolving on him as Commissioner.

(*d*) Yes, it was one of the objects.

(*e*) In the capacity of one who knows the heads of mutts.

(*f*) No such hopes were held out.

Tours

Tours by the hon. Minister for Education and Local Self-Government.

*296 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tours undertaken by him since the 31st March last up to date;